

# Strategic integration of organizational culture and HR dynamics: Empirical insights from the IT sector in Hyderabad and Bengaluru

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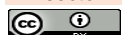
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## ABSTRACT

This research paper presents an in-depth empirical analysis of the integration of organizational culture and human resource (HR) dynamics within the Information Technology (IT) sector of Hyderabad and Bengaluru. Utilizing a robust dataset of 1068 responses, the study employs Descriptive Statistics and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) to explore the multifaceted aspects of organizational culture and their significant impact on HR practices. The research paper focuses on various dimensions of organizational culture, including collaborative commitment, the role of culture in complementing management tools, the influence of culture on company mission and vision, and its embodiment in routine practices and planning. Findings indicate a strong appreciation for cultural elements that promote cohesiveness, effective change management, and personal expression. Furthermore, the study delves into the broader spectrum of organizational culture, examining the influence of uniform values and practices, the interplay of dominant and subcultures, and the role of culture in innovation and adaptation to social and technological changes. Core cultural values such as hiring for attitude, prioritizing efficiency, fostering empathy, and maintaining a dynamic corporate culture are also analysed. These values are found to be significantly associated with HR policies, as evidenced by the ANOVA results. The study highlights the importance of adaptable, customer-centric, and conflict-resilient work ethics within organizational cultures. The research study underscores the deep interconnection between the various elements of organizational culture and HR dynamics in the IT industry of Hyderabad and Bengaluru. The findings reveal that organizational culture is not only an integral part of the organization but also a critical factor in shaping HR policies and practices. This study provides valuable insights into the symbiotic relationship between cultural values and HR strategies, emphasizing their role in creating effective workplace environments in the rapidly evolving IT sector.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the rapidly transforming realm of the Information Technology (IT) industry, particularly in the dynamic environments of Hyderabad and Bengaluru, organizational culture and Human Resource (HR) dynamics emerge as pivotal elements influencing the sector's agility and efficiency. This research paper embarks on an empirical exploration to unravel the complex interplay between these two crucial facets, focusing on how they collectively shape and are shaped by the workforce within this sector. Hyderabad and Bengaluru, recognized as India's prominent IT hubs, are not only technological nerve centers but also melting pots of diverse cultural and societal influences. This unique confluence sets an intriguing backdrop for examining the nuances of organizational culture and its impact on HR practices. The study pivots around a comprehensive analysis of various dimensions of organizational culture—ranging from core values and beliefs to the more subtle aspects of employee interactions and behaviors. With a detailed examination of the IT sector in these cities, the paper aims to delve into the myriad ways in which organizational culture manifests itself and influences HR dynamics. This includes an analysis of how a collaborative commitment to shared values affects operational cohesiveness, the role of culture in complementing management tools, and the reflection of cultural practices in personal expression and organizational directives such as mission and vision statements. Through a methodical approach involving Descriptive Statistics and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA), the research scrutinizes the intertwined relationship between the subtleties of cultural nuances—such as the dominant and subcultures within an organization, the expression and communication of these cultures, and their overarching impact on HR policies and practices. This not only encompasses the explicit aspects of culture but also the implicit, often unspoken, elements that shape employee behavior and organizational ethos. By shedding light on how core cultural values—such as efficiency, empathy, accountability, and adaptability—are intricately

linked with HR strategies, the study endeavors to offer a holistic understanding of the cultural fabric within the IT industry of Hyderabad and Bengaluru. This is pivotal in informing the development of HR policies that are congruent with the prevailing organizational culture, thereby enhancing workplace effectiveness and fostering a harmonious work environment in one of the most dynamic sectors of the global economy. In essence, this research presents a detailed narrative of how organizational culture in the IT sector is not just a peripheral aspect but a core driver of HR dynamics, influencing everything from employee engagement and satisfaction to the strategic direction and success of organizations in Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

## 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Tripti Mahara et al. (2021) Investigated the impact of corporate culture on the adoption of virtual classrooms during the COVID-19 pandemic. The study used the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) model and found organizational culture critical in facilitating the transition to virtual classes in educational institutions. Dr. Neeraj Kumari et al. (2021) analysed the perception of employees towards company culture in three prominent IT companies in India. The study highlighted the importance of teamwork and organizational culture traits like involvement, adaptability, mission, and consistency in driving performance and employee satisfaction. Monika Kansal (2021) Explored the impact of COVID-19 on organizational culture and employee engagement in the IT sector. The study emphasized the challenges and opportunities presented by remote working and the new norms of personal hygiene and safety. Eka Listiani Kartono et al. (2021) Examined the link between organizational culture and performance in Indonesia's general insurance industry, focusing on the role of transformational leadership in fostering synergistic interaction for better organizational performance. Jeroen Maesschalck et al. (2021) proposed a tool for profiling

organizational culture based on Grid-Group Cultural Theory, particularly in public administration, highlighting the diverse perspectives within an organization's culture. Jyotiranjana et al. (2020) Studied the impact of organizational culture on effectiveness in Indian technical education, focusing on the mediating role of organizational communication. Nikhil Vilas Khedekar, Shaji Joseph (2020) Analyzed the effectiveness of Hofstede's dimensions of culture in measuring the relationship between organizational culture and corporate performance in the Indian IT industry. Cucek et al. (2020) Investigated how different types of organizational culture affect employee satisfaction in Slovenia's logistics sector, emphasizing the significance of customer service. Gokul Santhanam et al. (2020) analyzed the impact of long-term work from home on work culture and employee engagement in Indian IT companies during the COVID-19 pandemic. Zahoor Ahmad Parry et al. (2018) Explored the impact of organizational culture on job satisfaction in the healthcare industry, concluding that cultural elements account for a significant variance in job satisfaction. Siti Mardiana et al. (2018) examined the influence of clan culture on the success of IT system installations, blending clan culture with other cultural types to create a favorable environment for information system implementation success in IT-based organizations. Joby Jose and Panchanatham (2017) investigated the impact of organizational commitment on organizational culture in the IT industry, highlighting the role of various cultural aspects in shaping the workplace environment. Lekshmi Sreekumaran Nair, Steve Sommerville (2017) Focused on the impact of organizational culture on job satisfaction and stress among IT professionals in SMEs in Trivandrum, India, using Denison's Model. Arora & Singh (2017) explored the dominant organizational culture types in government and private universities in Haryana, India, finding a predominance of hierarchy culture in government and clan culture in private universities. Abdul Khaliq Alvi et al. (2017) Examined the relationship between organizational culture, employee satisfaction, and company performance in the banking sector in Lahore, Pakistan. Qazi et al. (2017) Studied the impact of organizational culture on job satisfaction in the organized retail sector, highlighting the importance of culture in employee contentment. Hallikainen et al. (2017) analyzed how individual technology propensities and organizational culture influence B2B customers' behavioral intention to use digital services at work. Tran, S.K. (2017) Discussed the impact of culture and subcultures at Google Inc., focusing on the engineering staff and leadership challenges, and compared it with Zappos to understand the effect of culture on organizational dynamics. Sengottuvel & Syed Aktharsha (2016) Analyzed the link between organizational culture and performance in the IT sector, highlighting the role of strategic emphases in enhancing organizational performance. Mohammed Shafi et al. (2016) Investigated the influence of organizational culture on quality of work life among IT employees in Chennai, emphasizing the correlation between various cultural aspects and work-life satisfaction.

Tadesse Bogale, A., & Debela, K. L. (2024), The research paper focuses on Organizational Culture (OC) as a key factor in addressing identity crises within organizations. It highlights the impact of OC on workplace dynamics, employee interactions, and management practices. The study categorizes cultural orientations into workplace, business, system, and group orientations, offering insights into the dimensions frequently explored within OC. Rebecca, Jacobs., Sopia, Sopia. (2023) Organizational culture is a significant factor influencing human and organizational behavior, with varying definitions and measurement challenges leading to research inconsistencies. Prior studies have highlighted the positive impact of corporate culture on quality management adoption and organizational change processes, affecting employees' readiness for change. This study conducted a systematic literature review using the PRISMA method, analyzing data from four databases and selecting 30 relevant journals for further investigation. The research findings underscored the diverse conceptualizations and operationalizations of organizational culture, contributing to discrepancies in research outcomes. To address these discrepancies, the study proposed a framework to guide the selection of constructs in different cultural contexts, aiming to enhance future research on organizational culture

### 3. NEED FOR THE STUDY

This study is essential for understanding the intricate relationship between organizational culture and HR policies in the IT sector of Hyderabad and Bengaluru. The data highlights the significant impact of core cultural values, such as collaborative commitment, adaptability, and accountability, on HR dynamics. These findings are crucial in a sector that is rapidly evolving and highly influenced by cultural diversity. By analyzing these relationships, the study aims to provide insights into how cohesive, adaptable, and inclusive cultural practices can enhance HR strategies, thus improving organizational efficiency and employee satisfaction in the dynamic IT industry.

### 3.1 Objective of the study

To investigate the influence of organizational culture on Human Resource (HR) policies and practices in the Information Technology (IT) sector of Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

### 3.2 Hypothesis

Ho (Null Hypothesis): There is no significant relationship between the elements of organizational culture (including shared values, dominant and subcultures, and core cultural values) and the efficacy of HR policies and practices in the IT industry of Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

## 4. 4. METHODOLOGY

Data Collected from respondents through questionnaire. The respondents were interviewed and asked to fill the questionnaire. The second part of the questionnaire contains the questions concern to with concepts Organization and Corporate cultural Practices in Indian IT industry.

### 4.1 Sampling Plan

The sample IT industries selected for the Study is confined to the geographical region of Hyderabad and Bangalore cities. Further, the employees of the Information Technology firms are drawn as sample respondents. Sample Universe encompasses all those Male and Female employees of the IT units in Hyderabad and Bangalore cities. The sample size is a representation of the employee density at a given location.

**Table 1:** Sample size

Gender	HYDERABAD	BANGALORE	Total
MALE	295	262	557
FEMALE	271	240	511
Total	566	502	1068

### 4.2 Statistical Tools Applied

Descriptive Analysis is used for the purpose of testing the influence of one variable on the other. The test has been administered to study the influence of the demographic variables, personality traits and attitudes of people. Scale reliability test (Cronbach's Alpha) is used to describe the profile of the respondents and their behavior in the various stages of IT firms services. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) is a statistical technique used to check if the means of two or more groups are significantly different from each other. ANOVA checks the impact of one or more factors by comparing the means of different samples

## 5. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

**Table-2:** Descriptive Statistics for Culture: Integral Part of the Organization

	N	Min.	Max.	Mean	Std.D
Collaborated commitment to set of values indicate high cohesiveness and effectiveness of organizational culture influencing routine operations.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7369	1.09402
Organizational culture indirectly compliments rational management tools & techniques influencing behavior and bringing change.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7537	1.01545
Culture's explicit practice is reflected in the way people express themselves.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7818	1.01358
Company culture influences the mission and vision statements.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.8605	.99963
The organisation culture fills the gap between what is publicly declared and what actually occurs.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7706	1.07052
The culture of an organisation is a compass keeping the plan on track.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.8043	1.02914

This table outlines the various aspects of organizational culture and their influence on routine operations. Key findings include:

### 5.1 Highly Valued Cultural Aspects

- Collaborative commitment to shared values indicating cohesiveness and effectiveness in organizational culture.
- The role of organizational culture in complementing rational management tools and influencing behavior change.
- Explicit practices of culture reflected in personal expression.
- Influence of company culture on mission and vision statements.

- Organizational culture bridging the gap between public declarations and actual practices.
- The culture serving as a compass for organizational direction and planning.

**Table-3:** ANOVA for Culture: Integral Part of the Organization

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Collaborated commitment to set of values indicate high cohesiveness and effectiveness of organizational culture influencing routine operations.	Between Groups	171.803	4	42.951	41.308	.000
	Within Groups	1105.263	1063	1.040		
	Total	1277.066	1067			
Organizational culture indirectly compliments rational management tools & techniques influencing behavior and bringing change	Between Groups	133.433	4	33.358	36.677	.011
	Within Groups	966.802	1063	.910		
	Total	1100.235	1067			
Culture's explicit practice is reflected in the way people express themselves.	Between Groups	169.753	4	42.438	48.695	.000
	Within Groups	926.415	1063	.872		
	Total	1096.168	1067			
Company culture influences the mission and vision statements.	Between Groups	149.130	4	37.282	43.214	.000
	Within Groups	917.083	1063	.863		
	Total	1066.213	1067			
The organisation culture fills the gap between what is publicly declared and what actually occurs.	Between Groups	69.132	4	17.283	15.925	.004
	Within Groups	1153.665	1063	1.085		
	Total	1222.797	1067			
The culture of an organisation is a compass keeping the plan on track.	Between Groups	130.678	4	32.669	34.748	.001
	Within Groups	999.423	1063	.940		
	Total	1130.100	1067			

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) assesses the significance of these cultural aspects in relation to HR policies:

**Significant Associations:** All components show p-values less than 0.05, rejecting the null hypothesis. This indicates a significant association between the integral aspects of organizational culture and HR policies. The variations suggest diverse impacts across different aspects of culture, yet all are significantly associated with HR policies. The above table findings highlight the crucial role of organizational culture as an integral component that influences and is influenced by HR policies. The significant associations found in the ANOVA analysis confirm the strong connection between cultural aspects and HR dynamics. The research paper demonstrates that the culture of an organization, encompassing its values, practices, philosophies, and its influence on operations and strategies, is deeply intertwined with HR policies in the IT industry of Hyderabad and Bengaluru. This interconnection is essential for creating effective workplace environments and practices in the rapidly evolving IT sector.

**Table-4:** Descriptive Analysis for Culture as A Whole

	N	Min	Max	Mean	Std.D
Organization has uniform values and practices and belief, anthropology confirms groups having unified culture.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7762	1.06908
Organization culture is a shared employee understanding, who are from specific societal cultures.	1068	1.00	5.00	4.8436	.99431
'Dominant Culture' by top management guides 'Sub Culture' for workers, to positively influence desired outcomes during mergers and acquisitions	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7987	1.08397

Dominant culture aids product innovations and weathering social and technology developments, 'Subcultures' are frequently ignored but are significant.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7369	1.08369
Challenges or common experiences shared by employees generate subcultures often formed by departmental members.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.7987	1.05772

Source: Computed from survey questionnaire data through SPSS

This analysis highlights various dimensions of organizational culture and their perceived impact within the IT sector. Key findings include:

#### Highly Approved Cultural Aspects:

- Shared employee understanding of organization culture, reflecting specific societal cultures, received very high approval.
- This suggests a strong emphasis on inclusive and diverse cultural understanding within organizations.

#### Significantly Approved Cultural Elements:

- Uniform values and practices confirming groups having a unified culture.
- The influence of 'Dominant Culture' set by top management on the 'Sub Culture' of workers, especially during mergers and acquisitions.
- The role of dominant culture in aiding product innovations and adapting to social and technological developments.
- The formation of subcultures based on common challenges or experiences shared by employees, often within specific departments.

**Table-5:** ANOVA for Culture as A Whole

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Organization has uniform values and practices and belief, anthropology confirms groups having unified culture.	Between Groups	206.012	4	51.503	54.01	.000
	Within Groups	1013.50	1063	.953		
	Total	1219.51	1067			
Organization culture is a shared employee understanding, who are from specific societal cultures.	Between Groups	110.714	4	27.678	31.16	.000
	Within Groups	944.173	1063	.888		
	Total	1054.88	1067			
'Dominant Culture' by top management guides 'Sub Culture' for workers, to positively influence desired outcomes during mergers and acquisitions	Between Groups	151.860	4	37.965	36.62	.000
	Within Groups	1101.85	1063	1.037		
	Total	1253.71	1067			
Dominant culture aids product innovations and weathering social and technology developments, 'Subcultures' are frequently ignored but are significant.	Between Groups	184.708	4	46.177	45.94	.000
	Within Groups	1068.35	1063	1.005		
	Total	1253.06	1067			
Challenges or common experiences shared by employees generate subcultures often formed by departmental members.	Between Groups	194.153	4	48.538	51.61	.000
	Within Groups	999.565	1063	.940		
	Total	1193.71	1067			

Source: Computed from survey questionnaire data through SPSS

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) assesses the significance of these cultural aspects in relation to HR policies:

**Significant Associations:** All components show p-values less than 0.05, rejecting the null hypothesis. This indicates a significant association between the overall aspects of organizational culture and HR policies.

**Degree of Freedom Values:** The variations suggest diverse impacts across different cultural elements, yet all are significantly associated with HR policies.

The findings highlight the multifaceted nature of organizational culture and its deep integration with HR policies. The significant associations found in the ANOVA analysis validate the strong connection between comprehensive cultural aspects and HR dynamics. The above table demonstrates that the entire spectrum of organizational culture,

encompassing shared understandings, dominant and subcultures, and its influence on operations, strategies, and innovations, is deeply intertwined with HR policies in the IT industry of Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

**Table-6:** Descriptive Analysis for Core Cultural Values

	N	Min	Maz	Mean	Std.D
Hire for attitudes, Train for skill.	1068	1.00	5.00	4.8493	1.04210
Do it Better, Faster, Cheaper.	1068	1.00	5.00	4.8830	1.02470
Deliver positively outrageous customer service (POS) to both internal and external customers!	1068	1.00	5.00	3.8380	1.02954
Walk a mile in someone else's shoes	1068	1.00	5.00	4.8605	1.01082
Take accountability and ownership	1068	1.00	5.00	4.8493	1.08958
Celebrate and let your hair down - feel free, rejoice wins	1068	1.00	5.00	3.8998	.96726
Celebrate your mistakes as well as your triumphs.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.9054	1.02153
Keep the corporate culture alive and agile.	1068	1.00	5.00	4.9335	1.04817
Conflicts with prevailing culture weakens subculture aiding members to handle their routine issues, thus weakening organisation.	1068	1.00	5.00	3.9728	.92158

Source: Computed from survey questionnaire data through SPSS

This analysis highlights the core cultural values within organizations and their impact as perceived by employees.

Highly Approved Core Cultural Values:

- Values like hiring for attitude and training for skill, focusing on efficiency ('Do it Better, Faster, Cheaper'), empathy ('Walk a mile in someone else's shoes'), accountability and ownership, and maintaining a lively and agile corporate culture received very high approval.
- This reflects the importance of adaptable, empathetic, and efficient work ethics in organizational culture.

Significantly Approved Cultural Elements:

- Delivering outstanding customer service, celebrating successes and learning from mistakes, and handling conflicts within prevailing culture to manage subcultures.
- These elements highlight the emphasis on customer-centric approaches, positive work environment, and conflict management within the organizations

**Table-7:** ANOVA for Core Cultural Values

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Hire for attitudes, Train for skill.	Between Groups	65.839	4	16.460	16.009	.000
	Within Groups	1092.891	1063	1.028		
	Total	1158.729	1067			
Do it Better, Faster, Cheaper.	Between Groups	223.567	4	55.892	66.250	.000
	Within Groups	896.803	1063	.844		
	Total	1120.370	1067			
Deliver positively outrageous customer service (POS) to both internal and external customers!	Between Groups	119.015	4	29.754	31.254	.000
	Within Groups	1011.962	1063	.952		
	Total	1130.977	1067			
Walk a mile in someone else's shoes	Between Groups	141.029	4	35.257	39.485	.000
	Within Groups	949.183	1063	.893		
	Total	1090.213	1067			
Take accountability and ownership	Between Groups	204.088	4	51.022	51.039	.000
	Within Groups					
	Total					

Take accountability and ownership	Within Groups	1062.642	1063	1.000		
	Total	1266.729	1067			
Celebrate and let your hair down - feel free, rejoice wins	Between Groups	149.344	4	37.336	46.750	.000
	Within Groups	848.936	1063	.799		
	Total	998.280	1067			
Celebrate your mistakes as well as your triumphs	Between Groups	171.521	4	42.880	48.392	.000
	Within Groups	941.928	1063	.886		
	Total	1113.449	1067			
Keep the corporate culture alive and agile.	Between Groups	169.673	4	42.418	44.973	.000
	Within Groups	1002.607	1063	.943		
	Total	1172.280	1067			
Conflicts with prevailing culture weakens subculture aiding members to handle their routine issues, thus weakening organisation.	Between Groups	146.339	4	36.585	51.179	.000
	Within Groups	759.874	1063	.715		
	Total	906.213	1067			

Source: Computed from survey questionnaire data through SPSS

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) assesses the significance of these core cultural values in relation to HR policies:

**Significant Associations:** All components show p-values less than 0.05, indicating a significant association between these core cultural values and HR policies.

**Degree of Freedom Values:** The variations in these values suggest a range of impacts across different values, yet all are significantly associated with HR policies.

The findings emphasize the significant role of core cultural values in shaping HR policies in the IT sector. The strong associations found in the ANOVA analysis validate the connection between values like efficiency, empathy, accountability, and adaptability with HR dynamics. The above table demonstrates that the core cultural values within organizations, including attitudes towards work, customer service, internal culture, and conflict management, are deeply intertwined with HR policies in the IT industry of Hyderabad and Bengaluru.

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

The research highlights how aspects like collaborative commitment, the role of culture in complementing management tools, and the influence of culture on company mission and vision are deeply rooted within the IT organizations. These cultural aspects are not just peripheral elements but are central to the functioning and strategic planning of organizations. They significantly influence routine operations and decision-making processes. Core cultural values such as hiring for attitude, focusing on efficiency, and maintaining an adaptable and empathetic work environment have been shown to receive high approval among employees. These values are integral to fostering a positive work culture, enhancing employee engagement, and boosting overall productivity. They also play a pivotal role in shaping HR policies, aligning them with the organization's broader goals and objectives. Impact on HR Policies: The study conclusively demonstrates that organizational culture, with its multifaceted characteristics, is closely intertwined with HR policies. This is evident from the significant associations observed in the ANOVA analysis across various cultural aspects. The alignment of HR strategies with core cultural values and beliefs not only enhances the effectiveness of these policies but also ensures their relevance and applicability within the dynamic IT sector. The research stresses the importance of adaptability in organizational culture, which allows IT companies to remain agile and responsive in a rapidly changing industry. The cohesiveness of the organization, stemming from a shared understanding of values and practices, contributes to a unified and effective work environment. This cohesion is critical for the smooth operation and long-term sustainability of organizations in the face of challenges and changes. The findings also touch upon the critical role of organizational culture during mergers and acquisitions. The dominant culture set by top management significantly influences the outcomes of

these processes, highlighting the need for careful cultural integration in such scenarios. The study brings to light the presence and significance of subcultures within organizations. These subcultures, often overlooked, play a substantial role in product innovation and in navigating social and technological changes. They are formed based on common experiences and challenges faced by employees, contributing to the overall cultural landscape of the organization.

This research paper provides valuable insights into the dynamic interplay between organizational culture and HR policies in the IT sector of Hyderabad and Bengaluru. It emphasizes the need for organizations to recognize and leverage the power of their cultural elements to enhance HR strategies, ultimately leading to improved organizational performance and employee satisfaction. The study's findings serve as a guideline for IT companies to strategically align their HR policies with their cultural ethos, ensuring a harmonious and productive work environment.

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